

IRMA DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 — Free Show for Kiddies — Santa Claus — Specials at Stores for Adults

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Farmers Bonspiel December 26-27

The Irma Farmer's Bonspiel will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 26 and 27.

Entries must include at least one green player and should be handed in to S. H. Barber by Saturday, December 20. Don't forget that a rink which is too strong may be rejected by the farmers committee.

Any farmers wishing to play, who are not already on a rink, can notify S. H. Barber. Some rink not already made up may be glad of help. Entrance fee will be \$2.00 per rink and rules will be the same as last year.

Presented With Bronze Medal

One of the younger generation of Irma, Miss Judith Carol Sather, brought signal honor to herself and to her school by winning the Governor-General's Bronze Medal, presented to the student receiving the highest marks in the Grade IX examinations for Wainwright and Provost Divisions.

Presentation of the medal and of a fifty dollar cheque donated by the Wainwright School Division to the town girl receiving the highest Grade IX marks, was made by Mr. Lindstedt last Thursday evening.

In his remarks, Mr. Lindstedt said that Judy in winning the medal was highest of the two hundred students who wrote in the two divisions.

When presenting the cheque he told Judy he hoped she would use it, as well as her education, in three ways:

1. Some of it for herself.
2. Some of it for a book or other means of furthering her education.
3. Most of it for others.

Our Christmas Story

Once upon a time (about a week ago in fact) one of our Irma district ladies living north of town set about to do some Christmas baking.

Honey plum cake was to be on the menu and she had the ingredients for the batter in a large mixing bowl on the kitchen table, also a large glass jar filled with brown sugar, a bowl full of beaten egg whites, a bowl of flour, fruit, an opened package of raisins and last but not least one-half cup of milk all set out too.

In the meantime a neighbor drove up with a truck load of coal to be deposited in the basement.

Our heroine turned her back on the laden table for just a moment and when she turned around again the inside window was broken, the wall board was coming off the wall, the table was turned over, the glass jar of brown sugar had collided with the cake batter bowl and both were smashed together, the floured fruit and raisins were all over the floor while the bowl containing the egg whites and that half cup of milk were sitting pretty in the middle of the ruins with not a drop spilled. No, it wasn't gremlins nor yet an earthquake. It was just one of those unforeseen accidents that occur every once in a while.

When the truckload of coal backed up to the house the rear wheel went into a rut and rolled in, closer than the driver intended, also the back of the vehicle came in full contact with a large window box which jutted out from the house and it was the impact from all this that caused the auditor's "spread" of Christmas cheer indoors.

When the truck driver came inside he looked about and exclaimed, "Jeelya! Did I do all that!" (Don't ask us what "Jeelya" means, it's just a favorite expression of his).

As to the lady in question—did she go on the warpath? She did not—she laughed—being Irish—until she nearly cried and then made turkey sandwiches and coffee for the truck driver and gave your humble scribe permission to tell this tragic tale.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Honey and Almond Cookies

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup honey
- 2 cups Rolled Oats
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped almonds
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. B.P.
- 1/2 tsp. Soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tbs. milk

Cream the butter thoroughly and gradually cream into the honey. All the rolled oats, raisins and chopped nuts. Sift together the flour, soda and salt. Add these to the first mixture along with the milk. Drop in greased pan—bake in moderate oven.

Irma United Church Special Announcement

Commencing January 4th, 1953, Family Worship will be held each Sunday Morning at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday School will be at 10:30 a.m.

Pastoral charges of Passchendale, Albert, Strawberry Plains, Roseberry and Alma Mater, come in and help by your attendance at these services.

We can all help to make these gatherings successful by our attendance at these family Worship Hours.

Minister's Invitation

The New Year symbolizes new things. This year we are beginning a new time of worship in Irma. Beginning on January the fourth, there will be a Morning Service in our Church. This should be a great boon to those who have found the services in the Schools cold and uncomfortable.

We hope that these Morning Services will give an opportunity for whole families to worship together.

Let us all come to Church Sunday Mornings.

—REV. H. W. INGLIS.

Convener of Young People's Service

God bless you at this Christmas Tide.
God grant you gladness, too.
Aha! May His graces love be yours.

To guide you—all year through.

It's truly a pleasure to greet you at this time of year and may a New Year in your Book of Life be one for attendance at Young People's.

—MRS. M. ENGER.

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of all young people in our community will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the evening, Sunday, January 4th, 1953, at the Irma United Church for the purpose of organizing a Young People's Hour to be held each Sunday evening.

All young people are invited. Come and organize your own service. A Special Programme will be provided and get-together will follow. Refreshments.

Special Young People's Hour Will Be Held Each Sunday Evening at 7:30 p.m.

Visiting Churchmen Visit Mannville

(Vermilion Standard)

MANNVILLE—On Wednesday, December 3 the United Church at Mannville was visited by a delegation of two ministers and two laymen from the St. Paul Presbytery. All charges in this Presbytery have now been similarly visited in accordance with the suggestion made at the spring meeting of the Alberta conference of the United Church of Canada, held at Lethbridge.

The delegation was composed of Rev. Norman Knight, Mr. Hilliker of Viking, Rev. H. W. Inglis, Mr. Knudson of Irma. During the afternoon the delegates visited in the homes of some of the members and were entertained at dinner in others.

During the evening a service of

NOTICE

Hogs will be accepted as usual on Monday, December 22 and Monday, December 29.
G.T.P. Shipping Ass'n.
Per Carl Anquist.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank all my friends for the many kind remembrances I received while I was in the hospital.
—Mrs. J. Craig.

Sixty four dollar question—will this lovely weather hold out over the holiday season?

worship was conducted by the visiting ministers. Following the service the delegates met with interested members of the congregation for a discussion of matters pertaining to the Charge and brief social hour.

Carol Festival Enjoyed

The second annual carol festival arranged by the teachers and pupils of the Irma School was presented to a full house on Thursday evening, December 11.

This fine presentation showed that the pupils had benefited from their experience of last year. The Elementary section, it was noted, was more tuneful than a year ago. Once again, opportunity was given for each pupil in this large school to participate. The parents too, took a part when carols were sung by the audience.

Much credit is due to behind-the-scenes workers for helping to make the presentation smooth. The high school Art Class is credited with the back-drop, while Jim McDuff engineered the operation of the curtains. Mr. Gulliver, aided by the bigger boys worked hard carrying planks to make comfortable seats for the audience.

Here it might be mentioned that the proceeds of the evening which amounted to fifty dollars are to be put with last year's proceeds for the purpose of buying chairs for the auditorium.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Governor-General's Bronze Medal, and a fifty dollar cheque to Miss Judy Carol Sather by Mr. Lindstedt, Divisional Supt.

Following this, the program continued with singing by the High School Music Classes, and more carols by the audience. Garth Tomlinson, president of the High School Students' Union, who was the very effective chairman for the evening, then called upon the group for the singing of God Save The Queen. This brought a very profitable evening to a close.

Easterly Echoes

The first meeting in 1953 for the Battle River W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. E. Fenton on January 9 at 2:30 p.m. Roll call to be "Dues." Draw, Mrs. W. Sanders. Program, Mrs. C. Steele and hostesses, Mrs. A. Cook and Mrs. E. Fenton.

Mr. David Holt went to Edmonton with Mrs. L. B. King and Mr. W. King.

Mr. R. Dempsey made a business trip to Edmonton.

Arrangements have been completed for the Roseberry Co-operative Power line and surveying will be started shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Dempsey are entertaining the Battle River W.I. at a card party at their home on December 29 at 8 p.m.

The best of good wishes at this holiday season.

Church Services

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE TABERNACLE

Wednesday at 8 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer meeting.

Thursday, December 18 at 8 p.m. The Christmas program.

Sunday at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School

Sunday at 11:45 a.m. Worship.

Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Service at Albert School.

We wish to express to the editor and all readers of The Irma Times our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

—N. V. Ashdown.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN

The regular Christmas service of St. Mary's Anglican Church will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 28. Rev. J. Moorhouse officiating.

This service will be Holy Communion and Carols.

Everybody welcome.

UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, December 21

Passchendale — Christmas Service at 11 a.m.

Irma Sunday School 11 a.m.

Worship Service 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Music and Christmas Message.

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth Peace, Goodwill to men."

H. W. Inglis, Minister.

Christmas Message

Christmas is an event we all look forward to and prepare for, and it does bring joy and happiness to us. At Christmas we join with the whole Christian world in celebrating the birth of Jesus. It is done differently by people of different nations and there is even a slight difference in the day that is kept by the Eastern and Western Churches but nevertheless Xmas is one Universally observed festival and truly it brings love and goodwill to the world.

Of all the Holy days, Christmas is the most beautiful. The stories of the shepherds and the wise men who went to Bethlehem never lose their power to thrill us and help us to worship in humility and sincerity.

As we keep Christmas this year, let us all endeavour to make it a Holy time, a friendly time, and a time when we honor Jesus whose birthday it is.

So with all our hearts we wish A Merry Christmas to all.

Rev. H. W. INGLIS.

Peace the Gift of God

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. Luke 2:14.

Once again as the Christmas season draws near, we are reminded that God sent His Son to bring peace and goodwill to men. This fact clearly reveals to us that what the world needs is Jesus, and the peace that He alone can give. In Rom. Chap. 5 and verse 17, the Holy Spirit speaking through the Apostle Paul, with reference to a world-wide need, said, "The way of peace have they not known." While it is a fact that this condition still exists in the world today, it is also a fact that God will give true and lasting peace to every soul that puts their trust in Him.

In John 14:27 Christ said to his disciples "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, and in John 16:33 He said "These things have I spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. Again in Romans 8:1, speaking of us, that trust Him, Paul said, "Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

This peace not only affects our attitude toward God, but reaches out to all mankind. The writer of the Hebrews exhorts us to follow peace with all men. The Apostle Peter in II Peter 3:4, speaking of the blessed hope of the Lord's return, said "wherefore beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless."

What a blessed possession! God gives it; we may receive it by faith, the peace of God which passeth all understanding and keeps our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Shall we not, at this Christmas time, glorify Him by repenting of every sin; and accepting by faith the Author and Giver of this peace, even the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. N. V. ASHDOWN.

Our Xmas Issue

Again we present a Christmas issue full of Yuletide greetings and messages from stores and business places. We appreciate the support given us during the past year, and to all correspondents and those who have supplied news items from town and district to make The Irma Times a real community paper.

We thank you all and extend best wishes for a happy and blessed holiday season.

IRMA TIMES
Mrs. H. Riley, Local Editor

Christmas Seal: Right TB.

Northern Nuggets

Annual meeting of Buffalo Council branch of the W.I. was held on Thursday last at the home of Mrs. Baras Sr. Officers elected were President, Mrs. L. H. Baras; 1st vice, Mrs. Ted Prior; 2nd vice, Mrs. R. Allen; Secretary, Mrs. R. A. McRoberts; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Baras; Directors, Mrs. W. D. Ramsay, Mrs. R. Lukens, Mrs. J. Allen, Sick Committee, Mrs. P. Miller, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. R. Lukens. Social committee, Mrs. T. Prior, Mrs. H. Baras, Mrs. J. Allen. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ramsay Sr. with Mesdames P. Miller, C. Ramsay and R. Lukens as hostesses. Roll Call will be answered with a dime for Milk for Korea Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Price of Elk Point have been visiting at the Louis Larson home.

Mrs. R. A. Larson and Messrs. E. Larson and E. Blanchard left for Muriel Lake on Sunday.

Messrs. Glen Beatty and Ed White of Provost were week-end visitors at the Clidwell home.

Mrs. W. J. McLaughlin of Saskatchewan and Mr. Nelson Miller of Firdale, Man., are visiting their brother Mr. P. Miller and his family.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. C. Lukens is ill at her home.

Mrs. Freeman Prosser is visiting her family at Jones, Manitoba.

Messrs. A. Jones, E. Guy and A. Pirkas are on a fishing expedition to Muriel Lake.

A good crowd attended the Xmas Service conducted by the Rev. H. Inglis at Albert School on Sunday. A duet "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" was sung by Mrs. R. Currie and Miss Maxine Clisdell.

Mr. F. C. Lukens, Wainwright, was a recent visitor at the home of his son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. C. Lukens.

Southern Sayings

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reber were city visitors last week. Ray remained in the city to take treatments through the clinic.

Mrs. J. Jackson and Mrs. Eddie Jackson were city visitors last week and Mr. Jackson returned home Sunday for a few days.

Miss Elaine Laing who has been staying with her aunt Mrs. Reber, has gone to Wainwright to resume her duties as telephone operator.

Mr. Jimmy Quast of Hardisty spent a few days with Leale Reber at the R. Reber home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall and sons of Taber have arrived at the home of Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Long to spend the holiday season.

Calgary Power for Christmas is in the homes of Messrs. P. Funk, A. Long and H. Long.

Best wishes and season's greetings to one and all from your correspondent.

Christmas Seal: Right TB.



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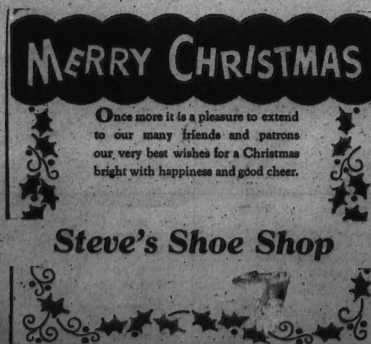


Hansen's Service Station



For your friendship and good will
we extend a hearty "Thank You."
May you have a delightful Christmas
and a successful New Year.

Fred Jack Hardware



Steve's Shoe Shop



IT'S LITTLE WONDER that Saint Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that the Americans have done a lot for Saint Nick!

They have given him a new name, a new face and figure, and a new means of transportation. The original European version of Saint Nick pictured him as a tall angular man who rode on a bony gray mare. Both the horse and Saint Nick looked as if they hadn't had a good meal in some time.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nicholas his "New Look." The English children adopted the legendary Christmas figure from the Dutch, but the English children had trouble pronouncing "Saint Nickolous." Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalout," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon.

A short time later, Saint Nicholas' transportation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," written in 1826. Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York theological seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, and a round little belly. Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve, guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

**Cedars of Lebanon
Are Well Protected
By Religion, Law**

On a shelf-like plateau, 600 feet above the Mediterranean sea, stand the world's oldest Christmas trees and where they have stood for centuries. The cedars of Lebanon, 400 of them, are protected by religion and law from harm at the hands of either the Moslems or the Maronite Christians.

The magnificent trees "that sing of the nativity" were venerated as monarchs among trees long before Judah had her first king. Some of them have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

In the days of the conquerors thousands of conscripted Hebrew workers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem "cedar trees without number"; the result of one of the first building contracts, between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon.

Today, however, the trees are protected by law and the department of agriculture of the government sponsors the planting of seedlings, so that the giant cedars will grow forever.

**St. Francis Made
First Crib in Cave**

St. Francis of Assisi is believed to have originated the custom of displaying the Christ Child in a crib at Christmas time.

He is reported once to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us. So at midnight, in the small Italian village of Garcia, in the year 1200, St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.



AN AGE-OLD STORY RETOLD
... "He brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger."

Village Council Regular Meeting

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Village of Irma held in the Village Office on the 11th day of December, 1952 at 8 p.m.

Councillors present, W. N. Frickleton, W. Symington. Mayor Frickleton in the chair.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting were adopted as written on the motion of W. Symington.

Correspondence received and dealt with.

Strawberry Plains W.I. made a grant to the Village toward the upkeep of the Rest Room. Secretary instructed to forward a letter of appreciation therefore.

Dept. of Public Health re Town Well Water.

Report of the Department indicated that the bacteriological examination of the specimen of water obtained from the Town Well was of safe sanitary quality and suitable for human consumption.

The sum of \$42.62 was received from the Irma and District Board of Trade, being share of Gate taken on Sports Day and credited to the Agriculture Trust Fund.

Mayor reported that the Rink Contract had become null and void through the resignation of Mr. D. Coffin.

Secretary instructed to prepare another contract as between the Village of Irma and Mr. Sidney Knowles for a period of three months.

Bylaw 185 Village of Irma, for the purpose of prohibiting the erection of a building until a building permit issued and regulate the value of such building. Presented and passed first and second reading.

The Council sitting as court of revision for the purpose of Revision of the Voters List, 1952, Section 118 T and V Act. Voters list amended accordingly.

Financial report presented. Balance Bank of Montreal. Municipal Account \$208.19. Agri. Trust, \$341.22. Cemetery Trust, \$208.69.

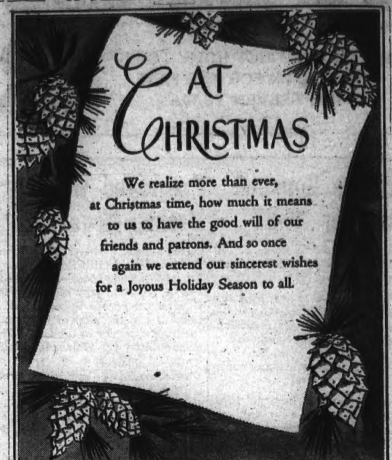
Symington that statement be accepted as presented and that the following accounts amounting to \$2262.30 be passed for payment. Symington—adjourn.



**HAILING NEWBORN KING
... Carol Singing Time ...**



IRMA POOL HALL
S. H. BARBER, Prop.



Halverson's General Hauling



Wyand Family



IRMA CO-OP ASS'N



Irma Sales & Service

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

CURTAIN SPEECH

"If a Woman Can't Have Her Way, Then She Is No Longer a Wife, But a Housekeeper" By Roger S. Vreeland

AS THEY rounded the curve which brought them within view of the house, Rosemary suddenly stiffened in her seat. She had seen something which brought upon her a wave of exasperation and disgust. She didn't say a word, but Conroy must have noticed, for he took his eyes from the road long enough to say, "What's matter, Honey?"

"Look at that house! I'm away only three days, and . . . oh, what the use!"

"What's matter with it? Looks same as usual."

"Just look! Every shade is crooked and there aren't two pulled to the same level. The curtains that are supposed to hang straight are askew. Those that are supposed to be tied back are straight!" She sighed deeply. "You're right, Con, it looks the same as usual! I give up! What chance has a woman against three men, anyhow?"

Conroy sighed too. "I never noticed it, Honey. Poor old Dad and Uncle Hal just don't seem to catch on that you're fussy about those things!"

They swung into the driveway. "Listen, Con, I only try to take a

woman's normal pride in her home. We have a show house. It's on a hill; it's big, old, has beautiful lines. It has attractive grounds. It's on a corner. Nobody within half a mile can miss it. And you call me fussy because I . . ." The car bounced into the garage. "Oh, well," she broke off. "I guess I better try acting glad to be home!"

Conroy made no effort to get out. "You won't have to do any acting, Honey," he turned toward her. His big gray eyes were soft and soothing. His face was a study in patience. Oh, it was good to be with him again! This was the way her feelings always ended in a futile, quietly muffled and laid carefree away under a smother of kisses.

"Boy, it's good to have you back home again," he said. "And you won't have to do a bit of acting. Dad and Uncle Hal aren't home. They've gone over to Aunt Harriet's for the evening. Come on in, and we'll fix the shades and curtains. Then you can get ready and we'll go out to eat!"

"You mean I can't have to sit in cooking the very first thing?"

"I mean I forbid it!"

In the house, clapping his hands, he said, "Come, Honey. You supervise and I'll fix the shades and curtains."

"No, Con," she stood looking around the rooms thoughtfully. "Sit down in the armchair a minute first."

He obeyed. She dropped on his lap and cuddled. "Don't you see, Con," she began, "I've harped on this so long, and neither you nor your uncle nor you give me any cooperation!"

"Well, Honey, we're all tall men, and we can't see out unless the shades are high. Then the shades always get caught in the tie-backs. Kind of nuisance, you know. And men's fingers are clumsy at such things."

Rosemary sat up a little. "Yes, you old smooth-over, but I'll bet their mothers and wives had shades and curtains! And I'll bet they had them the way they wanted them! Don't you see, Con—I'll admit maybe they cause a little bother, but you've got to have some bother if you want things nice. Windows, Con, are the eyes of a house. They're what people, especially women, look at when they go by. Men are so practical about such things, but they're matters of pride with women. You men probably don't care where the shades are, but you care where the windows are, so why can't I have mine in these things? They're just little things with you—but they're big with me!"

"I'll try," he said, turning her in his arms so she could see his smile. "I know you will, but . . ."

"I'll have a talk with the neighbors. They're like old dogs, though. It's hard to teach 'em new tricks. But I'll try. Come, let's fix up the windows then get out to some nice little country restaurant, and . . ."

"Okay!" She jumped up. "Let's get going right away. We won't bother with curtains and shades now. The lights will be out, anyhow, I'm hungry!"

Off they went. Going out was a treat. They didn't have any chances. And it made coming home so much nicer. It got her in the right frame for beginning her routine the next morning.

It was after twelve when they started home. As they rounded the curve which brought them within view of the house, Rosemary gasped with surprise. "Look!" she cried.

All the house lights were on. Every shade was perfect and all the tie-backs were just right. Conroy slowed up while he stared too, then he stepped on the gas.

In the house Dad and Uncle Hal met them. They kissed Rosemary and asked how her trip was. Then Conroy looked at his old father with level gaze. "Say, you were out two this evening when I brought Rosemary home?"

Dad didn't do too well at trying to look surprised. "Oh, well, I'm sure," Aunt Harriet called up that she wasn't feeling well. So we stayed home. We were at the workbench in the cellar, fixing up some old furniture. You two got out before we had a chance to come up." Then the two old gentlemen grinned silently. (Copyright 1935 by New York Herald Tribune)

Family Allowances in Alberta
Family allowances were paid to 144,698 Alberta families last month, an increase of 640 from October. November expenditures for family allowances was \$1,900,109 compared with \$1,892,028 in October.

Hummingbirds have been observed to fly as fast as 55 to 60 miles an hour.

Something New For Bossie!



There will be no danger of splinters when Bossie steps up to the feeding trough developed by a rubber company from Akron, Ohio. Other interesting factors that will appeal to livestock owners is that the new fabric and rubber trough is non-tipping, virtually unbreakable and rust-proof. It can be used for salt, water, feed and supplements.

Louis Riel's Rifle Becomes Possession Of Man. Jeweller

BOISSEvain, Man.—An Enfield Schneider rifle, stolen from the saddle holster of Louis Riel when he was taken into custody in May, 1885, has come into the possession of Jock Gilling, a Boissevain jeweller. The rifle rifle is among about 150 ancient firearms in Mr. Gilling's collection.

Mr. Gilling started collecting about 10 years ago and now has between 40 and 50 muzzle-loading rifles and over 50 different types of pistols and revolvers. The collection also includes old cartridges, powder horns and flasks, bullet moulds, shot bags, Indian arrowheads and other relics of western warfare.

Nothing was known of the fate of Riel's rifle until shortly before the death of an American who had been in Canada during the Northwest Rebellion. The man told his son that he had come into possession of the rifle at the time Riel was captured. In May, 1885, a highly excited crowd filled around Riel as he was taken into custody and the rifle disappeared. It eventually was smuggled into the United States.

The son donated the rifle to a museum in North Dakota where it remained until about a year ago when it was presented to Mr. Gilling with instructions "to take it back to Canada where it belongs."

The biggest weapon in Mr. Gilling's collection is an eight-gauge, English muzzle-loading shotgun. It is five feet long and weighs 15 pounds. The oldest weapon is an odd-shaped, engraved Arabian flint-lock pistol believed to be more than 200 years old.

One of the oldest items is an English-made "knife pistol." It comes with two blades, presumably for stabbing an enemy if the aim is none too good.

Drop in Immigrants To Canada
OTTAWA.—A total of 146,236 immigrants reached Canada in the first 10 months of this year compared with 152,473 in the corresponding months of 1951, a drop of 6,237.

The figures were issued by the immigration department. It was the first time this year that the cumulative total dropped below the corresponding figure for 1951.

However, monthly totals have been dropping steadily since May and immigration department officials said it was certain that the total number of immigrants for this year would fall below last year's total of 195,000.

The total for 1951 was the largest for any year since 1913 when approximately 500,000 were admitted. Highlight of the report for the 10-month period was a 46 per cent. increase in the number of immigrants admitted from the United Kingdom. Admissions totalled 36,687 compared with 25,058.

Entries from the United States were up 17 per cent. at 7,904 compared with 6,737. North European entries were three per cent. higher at 57,472 compared with 55,575.

The number of immigrants admitted in October was 10,940 compared with 22,588 in the corresponding month of 1951.

Out of the total number admitted this year, 77,381 were workers and 68,855 dependents.

For seals can dive more than 200 feet in their search for food.

THE TILLERS



Beautiful Waterfall Virtually Unknown In Isolated Northland

EDMONTON.—A beautiful Canadian waterfall lies virtually unknown in Alberta's isolated northland. Tall pines crowd the edge of the chasm and only a few trails lead to choice views. Alexander falls drop 109 feet into a foaming gorge and are located near mile 350 of the Mackenzie Highway.

The 384-mile, all-weather road reaches north from Grimshaw in the Peace River country "to penetrate some of Canada's most wild and unsettled areas in the shore of Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories."

The waterfall, dropping over sheer limestone cliffs from the quiet Hay river, is inconspicuous in such a flat area. Cliffs border the river for about three miles downstream to the Alexander's sister falls, the 46-foot Louise, which are not visible from the highway and require a one-mile trek through rugged bush.

The Mackenzie Highway was completed in 1948 under a federal-provincial agreement. The Alberta government paid most of the cost of construction for the 363-mile section in the province and the federal government built the remaining 81 miles in the N.W.T.

The road has provided a link with civilization for hundreds of people who have dedicated their lives to the north country.

No longer does the trapper have to wait months for supplies. Nor does the farmer in Alberta's far northern Fort Vermilion area have

to ship his grain by boat to Peace River elevators. Sick persons can be rushed to hospital and a regular mail service is provided for the area.

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WESTERN BRIEFS

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Northern Store

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask.—Newest establishment in the six-store chain operated by the Saskatchewan government has been opened at Lake Louise, 180 miles north of here. The \$35,000 store operates on the self-service system.

Big Family

EDMONTON.—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gunette recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and received many congratulatory messages. There were 17 children born to the union and they now have 94 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Cattle Sales in Alberta

CALGARY.—The Southern Alberta Community Auction Sales Association announced it sold 15,887 cattle for \$2,000,000 at 35 sales this year. This compares with 14,201 head sold for \$3,400,000 in 1951.

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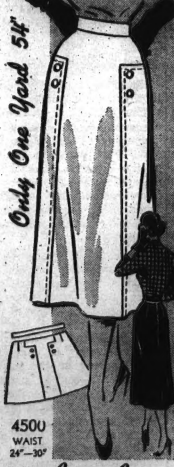
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Viking Items

The ACT Search for Talent Show will be held at Viking on Saturday, January 17, 1953.

In renewing his subscription to The News, George Bird writes from Langley Prairie, B.C., that the weather has been very mild, also very wet. Mr. Bird, it will be remembered, farmed about five miles east of town before deciding to move to B.C. Well, we can inform Mr. Bird that the weather is exceptionally mild in Alberta at this writing and it doesn't even look like a white Christmas. Keep those chinooks coming over the mountains, George, it will be O.K. with us.

There was a good, turn out to the Elks turkey bingo last Saturday night and over 40 turkeys and chickens will be carved on Christmas day in as many homes. Next Saturday night, December 29, you will have another chance to take home one of the birds.

R. L. King, editor and manager of the Camrose Canadian, dropped in at the News Office last Thursday to have a fraternal chat. Mr. King was a member of a party from Camrose and Wetaskiwin that visited the Viking and Kinross gas camps under the guidance of Tom Murdoch, now manager of the Northwestern Utilities branch at Wetaskiwin.

Hockey Talkie

(From The Viking News)

The sports editor took a gander at the hockey players doing a practice stint at the Carena the other night and saw a number of new faces cavorting around after the little rubber disc. Doc Klein, a former Vegreville Junior star, was cutting a few capers and giving the boys a lesson in stick handling. John Gavinchuk, of the education staff, looked at home on the ice as well as in the class room, and Jim Taylor, the new goalie, was flashing mid-season form between the pipes. Claude McLaren was as rugged as ever. Among others of last year's team we noticed Larry Proctor, Bland Bomber Tun, Art Brown, Stan Rose and Pete McArthur showing the odd spurt of speed. Albert Glasgow and Billy Mason are back from Irma, accompanied by Carl Sonett from Arrow, who is a likely recruit for this year's squad. Bill Haire-Sr., Bill Taylor and a number of high school players are working out with the team and should become good replacements in time of need. Leo Kelly and a member of the survey crew were also seen in action. Nick Josephson, the stick-handling wizard from Daysland, (now of Viking) has been chosen temporary coach, and is naming the starting lines.

From observation before the hockey battles begin, we'd say we have the makings of a pretty good team.

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The County Act And Education

(Article by the late Dr. Clarence Salmon, and submitted by Mr. C. H. Brown, Principal of the Holden School and Vice-President of the ATA.)

Under the terms of the new County Act recently approved by the Legislature, the government is empowered to set up four "experimental" counties in which the management and control of all civic affairs, including the schools and the hospitals, will be vested in an elected county council. Education and health will be looked after by sub-committees of the council. At the end of four years the people in each county must decide by majority vote whether they would like the new system or not. Presumably if the change is approved the whole province will be reorganized on this new basis as rapidly as possible.

While there are many things to be said in favor of the County Act, its provision in relation to education are such a direct reversal of the trend on this continent for a century or more that it merits the most careful study. Right through the four-year period until the issues of the so-called "experiment" are finally decided. And the issues will never be decided until they are decided right, and the right decision, if history and experience are anything at all, will not be in line with the terms of the Act, regardless of what the local people may think about it in the particular political and economic conditions which may be found in those areas in four years' time.

Questions at Stake

The questions really at stake are those of the fiscal independence of school boards and the way they are appointed. The County Act proposes not only to destroy the fiscal autonomy of the boards but to wipe them out entirely. It proposes to put the school affairs of the community in the hands of a committee of the council which bears no resemblance to the present boards either in manner of appointment or fiscal responsibilities.

As bearing on the obscure and difficult question of the type of public control that is best for schools, the proposed "experiment" is much too limited in scope. It covers too little territory and extends over far too short a time. What possible light can be thrown on the education process in the schools by a purely administrative change in four small areas in a period of four years?

It would be of some interest to know in this connection on what basis the local people are expected to decide at the end of the trial period whether the education of the children is better or poorer as a result of the change. Are they to try to find this out by means of school tests? But this is a fantastic idea and it probably hasn't occurred to any one.

More Likely

A more likely basis of judgment will be how peaceful and harmonious the new arrangement proves to be. If the present boards have been making requisition demands on the municipal councils that are considered excessive, and badgering the government in session and out for larger school grants, and if the new education committees meekly and quietly accept what is doled out to them by the county councils under the watchful eye of the Departments of Municipal Affairs, this may be taken to mean that the "experiment" is an unqualified success.

But a more dangerous criterion than this could hardly be imagined. Education is an essentially spiritual activity carried on in a predominantly materialistic environment. As such it has to fight for its life. If peace, perfect peace, were to settle down over the relations of the education committees to the county councils and the government, it would probably be one of the worst things that could happen to education.

What is very likely to happen is that the vote will turn largely on political considerations. The government is a good government, it may be argued, and hence its action in liquidating the school boards must be a good action.

Doesn't Follow

But this doesn't follow at all. Because a man is a good man it doesn't follow that everything he does must be good. Not all the wisdom in the world arises from badness of heart. A good deal of it arises from lack of knowledge. What is most likely to happen when the vote comes on, and what

is most hoped for perhaps by the sponsors of the Act, is that the vote will be taken on the Act as a whole, and that the educational changes, by far the most important feature of the Act on the long-range view, will just ride through, mothered by the other provisions of the Act.

That this is not allowed to happen is a primary responsibility of the educational leaders in this province during the next four years.

One wonders what the stand of organized labor is going to be on this whole question, after the long struggle it has put up since about the middle of the last century for school boards elected directly by the people and responsible only to the people for the control of the schools.

On questions of this kind which do not lend themselves to experimental techniques the best we can do is to fall back on accumulated experience and the consensus of informed opinion over many years.

Two Studies

This consensus with respect to the public control of education was well summed up for us by the late Dr. Englehardt, an eminent authority on school administration, in his book, "Public School Organization and Administration."

After presenting the results of two careful studies of city systems, one study covering 77 cities and the other 199, Englehardt concludes as follows:

"It must be observed that these studies do not provide conclusive evidence, but they tend to substantiate as far as any evidence available can, the present point of view regarding fiscal control generally accepted by educational authorities."

"Surveys made of cities in which there is control of School finances by bodies other than the school board show that as a rule the practice has resulted in the judicious shifting of legal responsibility, the unwelcome curtailment of funds, the unwarranted intrusion of politics, the harassment of the school administration, the unnecessary lowering of standards in various fields and the general neglect of the school system. The experience of the whole country over half a century points to but one tendency in those municipalities where there has been a divided responsibility in the administration of the public schools. Whenever civic officers have been given the right to regulate the amount of funds which should be expended for schools, such action has invariably proved detrimental to the interest of public education."

Actual Systems

Should an authority like this be lightly thrown aside?

The Englehardt evidence, it is observed, was obtained from an "experiment" set up for the purpose. That would be entirely out of the question. The conclusions emerge from the study of actual school systems that had been operating under diverse conditions as to public control over a long period of time.

There is no guarantee in the world that what happens to education in these new counties in the short space of four years will be even remotely typical of the state of affairs that will arise over a long period when the process of County-forming is complete and the financing of the schools becomes centralized in a non-educational department of the government. For one thing it may be assumed that governments do not like to embark on experiments in public affairs that do not pay off. Hence it is reasonable to suppose that the four counties will be more or less the darlings of the government in the meantime. But what will happen later on when the "experimental" stage has been left far behind?

The real question before us is not what the effect of the new proposal will be on education in four counties in four years, but what the effect will likely be on education in the entire province in twenty, fifty, or a hundred years.

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Non-Ratepayers may purchase tickets, which will entitle them and their dependents, to one dollar a day hospitalization, at any time of the year, however, they do not become effective until the following January or July. Tickets are \$10.00 each and are good for one year only. 17-24c

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Wainwright Divisional Board Holds Regular Session

Minutes of the Wainwright Divisional Board meeting held on Friday, December 5, 1952, beginning at 10 a.m.

Present: Dr. H. G. Folkens, F. M. Hill, Mrs. McLeod, Wm. Lawson.

Secretary O. Griffiths and Mr. R. C. Hissett both absent due to illness.

In the absence of Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Lindstedt acted as secretary.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and the following items discussed by the Board:

1. Mr. Hill reported that a fire extinguisher had been placed in the Lab of the Irma School.

2. Mr. Zajic reported that Sawyer Electric had been approached with regard to the installation of a Fire Alarm system in the Edgerton School.

3. Mr. Hill said that he had recommended that the swings be moved from the Pabian grounds to that of Irma as soon as possible.

4. The matter of a barn for the new Coal Springs School was being taken care of by Mr. Hill.

Hill — that the minutes of the November meeting be adopted: Cd.

Correspondence was dealt with and recorded filed and answered.

Zajic — that a letter be written to the Board of Industrial Relations explaining the working conditions of janitors in this Div. and that every consideration was being given. Cd.

Supt.'s Report

The Supt.'s report covered the following: Schools visited during the month; Progress of Correspondence Centres; Albert School Institutes; Grade 9 Scholarship winners; Spelling survey throughout the Division; Language Survey; Report on bus schedules from other Supt.

McLeod — that the Supt.'s report be accepted. Cd.

Lawson — that present stove in the kitchen dormitory be offered for sale to the Wainwright Ladies Curling Club and that Mrs. McLeod be authorized to complete the sale of same. Cd.

Hill — that account for the month of November be approved in the amount of \$44,382.47 and that the same be included in the minutes of this meeting. Cd.

McLeod — that we adjourn until 1:30 p.m. Cd.

A request from Mrs. A. Glasgow of the Irma School Staff for Musical Instruments was given consideration: The students themselves showed their willingness to make a contribution and asked the Bd. for assistance.

Hill — that the request from the Irma Music Class be granted; that musical instruments be purchased with the students contributing 50 per cent of the total cost, the Bd.

contributing 25 per cent of the cost and the remaining 25 per cent to be covered by Govt. Grant. Cd.

Mr. R. N. Millar of Chauvin interviewed the Board with respect to his bus route.

The matter of improved roads in the Porter Lake area was left to Mr. Zajic who would interview the Councillor Mr. R. Belanger in this matter.

Extension of the bus route in the Greenfields area with respect to a request from Mr. Gosselin and Mr. Rutledge was left over until the January meeting, owing to the absence of Mr. Hissett.

Miss L. Tweedy P.H.N. gave a complete report to the Board with respect to her duties in the Div., and definitely pointed out that her work was in the field of preventative measures such as immunization, etc. Miss Tweedy emphasized the fact that she was not to be expected to take the place of a Doctor, nor called upon to diagnose cases.

Hill — that the tender of Mr. P. T. Smale in the amount of \$325.00 for the purchase of the garage built by the Wainwright Shop Class be accepted. Cd.

Hill — that the profits from this project be used for shop equipment at the discretion of the shop, class teacher Mr. LaFleur. Cd.

It was decided to hold a Committee meeting of Dr. Folkens, Mr. Hill and Mrs. McLeod and Mr. Hissett on Monday, December 15 to pass December accounts. Meeting to begin at 2 p.m.

McLeod — that the next regular meeting for the Board be held on Friday, January 9 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Letter of resignation was read from Mr. I. Goede, the janitor of the Chauvin School.

Hill — that we advertise for a Janitor through the columns of the local paper, that applications be in by December 31, and that applicants consult the office with respect to duties, etc. Cd.

Hill — that Mrs. McLeod be authorized to purchase a suitable stove for the Wainwright Public School Lunch Room. Cd.

McLeod — that the meeting adjourn. Cd.

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Denmark Pays Homage To Hans Andersen— Santa's Best Helper

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His works have sold more copies than any other book, except the Bible, and have been translated into 35 languages, including Arabic, Hebrew, Chinese, Japanese, and Greenlandish.

Since 1875, the year that he passed away, visitors from all parts of the world have come yearly to the town



of Odense to see the home of the writer of such tales as "The Little Match Girl" and "The Ugly Duckling."

Andersen's fairy tales, released just before Christmas each year, brought him money, fame and the attention of princes, as well as the adoration of children.

Once he received a United States dollar bill, enclosed in a letter written by a young American girl. It read: "Papa says that the dollar is my own, that he does not suppose you are in particular need of money but since I owe you this and a great deal more, he thinks it proper that I should send it to you."

Ancient Church Bells Still Summon Village

A pair of ancient church bells, brought to Frankenthum, Mich. from Bavaria shortly after Frankenthum was founded as an Indian mission, has been calling the congregation of St. Lorenz to Christmas eve services for more than a 100 years.

Ninety-five per cent of the residents of the small community are members of the church, earning the village the title of "the most Christian community in the United States."

Frankenthum has never had a crime of violence, and as far as residents can remember, no one has been jailed over a period of 25 years. The only visitors to the lockup were transients given a night's lodging.

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CHRISTMAS LECTURE . . .
"Now this is a Christmas tree," big brother appears to be telling the toddler, "It grows in the living room only once a year, and it always has a lot of nice presents under it."

Games for All Make Christmas Family Party

Christmas is the time for family get-togethers. One of the best ways to make these gatherings memorable for all concerned is to engage in games which the whole group can play.

A nice one to start off with would be a Sugar Plum Hunt. Have one member of the family hide Christmas candies ahead of time in various nooks and corners around the house. At a given signal everyone starts hunting and gathering the pieces. The one who gathers the greatest number would be given a prize.

The Christmas Puzzle is another good one to get things going. Look through some magazines, which are filled with pictures of Santa Claus at this time of year. Cut out enough of these to go around, paste them on stiff cardboard, and cut them into pieces. Then put each group of pieces in a separate paper bag. At the signal, everyone opens a bag and starts putting the puzzle together.

The Xmas Scramble Contest is good for a group with older children in it. This is simply a contest to see who can unscramble a group of words the fastest. Just for fun, see if you can work out the following: astna, erreden, ehagil, dynca, galkonst, erte, trepsen, hupans, alorsk, nilhorb.

If Santa Misses, Reindeer Supply Will Be at Fault

If Santa Claus misses some youngsters this year, it could be offered plausibly that he was not able to round up enough reindeer for his yearly trip around the globe.

The reindeer shortage has become, in recent years, much too acute. It has been estimated that wolves have destroyed 50,000 of Santa's helpers within the last decade or so, leaving an approximate 50,000.

The difficulty of keeping the animals alive in a temperate climate makes it unlikely that any of the few remaining will be transported



from their native regions to other lands for the holiday season, as has been done in the past.

American boys and girls will have to be satisfied with the ones. The few department stores featuring Santa's complete outfit this year will be using native deer as substitute for Dasher, Francie, and company.

England Once Forbade Christmas Observance

Did you know that the observance of Christmas was once forbidden in England by the names of the Yule Log, the Carol-singer and the wassailers?

During the Reformation many believed the undue jollity of Christmas day was sacrilegious. Parliament, on December 24, 1629, ordered that "no cheerfulness shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any merriment used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof."

This edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people. It was not until many years later, however, that Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.

Dominion Bureau of Statistics Prices Section PRICE INDEXES OF SPECIFIED ITEMS AND WAGE RATES, 1951

1935-1939 = 100	
(Retail prices unless otherwise noted)	
Wage Rates: General Average	255.1
Bread	182.8
Butter	223.6
Sugar, granulated	201.0
Beef, sirloin	402.6
Pork, fresh loin	285.2
Lamb	357.8
Eggs	213.1
Milk	179.2
Clothing	203.1
Coal	186.4
Gasoline	153.1
Farm machinery	186.8
Wheat, No. 1, Manitoba northern	201.7
Oats, No. 2 C.W.	234.8
Barley, No. 1, feed	274.6
Electricity for Domestic Service (All Canada Average)	92.7
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Wedding Bells

CHARRON — LAMBERT

On the afternoon of December 8, 1952, St. Mary's Anglican church, Edmonton, was decorated with baskets of bronze and white chrysanthemums for the wedding of Irene Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lambert of Irma and Raymond Patrick, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Charron of Montreal.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Canon W. E. Elkin.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a floor length gown of Chantilly lace over satin featuring a fitted bodice and a net yoke. Her veil of French illusion was held in place by a beaded head-dress. She carried a white-satin and net moff decorated with a mauve orchid and white mums and roundels.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Mrs. Jean Lovig, dressed in ecru silk with lace bodice and peplum and matching lace mittens. She wore a bandeau of white chrysanthemums in her hair and carried a colonial bouquet.

Mr. Clarence Lovig was best man and the bride's brothers, George and Darwin Lambert acted as ushers.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. Marsh and during the signing of the register Miss Eileen Cliz sang "Th' Walk Beside You."

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Lambert chose a blue dress with navy accessories. Her corsage was of Tallman roses.

Following the ceremony a reception to about 30 guests was held at Bowe's Wedding Salon. Centering the bride's table was a three tiered wedding cake topped with pink rosebuds and flanked by two quets of bronze and white mums. The toast to the bride was proposed by Canon W. T. Elkin.

After the reception the bride donned a travelling costume of greyish blue with navy accessories and a corsage of orchids. Following a honeymoon trip to Montreal Mr. and Mrs. Charron will make their home in Quebec.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Meyer, Mrs. S. Coulman, Mr. and Mrs. E. Prior, all of Irma.

BENOIT — ATKINSON

Blessed Sacrament Parish was the scene of a very pretty wedding November 10, at 10 a.m. when Dorothy Edna, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Atkinson of Fabyan, became the bride of Hector Benoit, also of Fabyan. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Ehmman.

Entering the church on the arm of her father, the bride looked lovely in a floor-length white sheer dress, which was softly gathered at the waist and had embroidered yoke. A Mary Queen of Scots head-dress held a floor length veil in place. She carried a lovely bouquet of sweetheart roses and white mums. The only jewellery worn by the bride was a rhinestone necklace and matching earrings, a gift of the groom.

The bride's sister, Miss Kathleen Atkinson, of Edmonton, was the bridesmaid. She wore a floor length sheer and lace dress of baby blue. Her waist length blue veil was held in place by a sweetheart halo and blue rose buds. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and white mums.

Mr. Eugene Vallee, a good friend of both families, was the best man. Mr. Leonard Carron ushered the guests to their pews.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Atkinson chose a navy dress trimmed in white with navy accessories. She wore a corsage of pink roses.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents where more than forty guests enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner. The bride's table, covered by her grandmother's wedding linen table cloth, was centred by a three-tiered wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom, flanked by white tapers in star shaped crystal holders. The room was tastefully decorated with pink white and blue streamers, wedding bells and red roses.

Mrs. B. Dalton assisted in serving a delicious dinner.

Later the same evening the bride and groom entertained their many friends with a wedding dance in the Roseberry School. After the dance the happy couple left for a honeymoon in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry King of Ed-

Ed and Miss Kathleen Atkinson of Edmonton also attended their sister's wedding which made it into a family reunion also.

A want adv. in this paper does big work at small cost.

Fire Precautions For Holiday Season

To avoid fires during the Xmas season, the Provincial Fire Commissioner advises Albertans to observe the following general rules for their safety during the holiday season:

1. Christmas trees ignite easily and burn rapidly. A small freshly-cut tree that has been kept outdoors until the latest possible day is the least hazardous.

Christmas trees should not be set up until the day before Xmas. They should be placed in the coolest part of the house, away from radiators, heaters and fireplaces.

The base of the tree should be cut off at an angle at least one inch above the original cut. The tree should stand in a pail of water. The tree should be taken down when the needles begin to fall and, regardless of any other considerations, should be taken down anyway as soon as possible after Xmas.

2. When lighting trees, candles should not be used. Standard electric lighting sets bearing the label of the Underwriters' Laboratories and the Canadian Standard Association are recommended.

Sockets and wires should be in good condition. Circuits should not be overloaded.

3. Decorations of cotton, paper and pyroxylin are dangerous. Xmas trees should be decorated lightly and fire-resistant materials such as asbestos, metal and glass used. Flameproofed materials are desirable.

Celluloid toys are dangerous. Parents should insist that all toys are safe and incapable of causing fires and explosions. Film projectors should use only safety film; power toys should be operated only under adult supervision; electric toys should bear the labels of the Canadian Standards Association or the Underwriters' Laboratories. Electric toys and trains should not be set up under the Christmas tree.

5. All gift wrappings, waste paper and rubbish should be taken outside and placed in a covered metal barrel or incinerator.

6. In case of fire at home, get everybody out of the house and call the fire department.

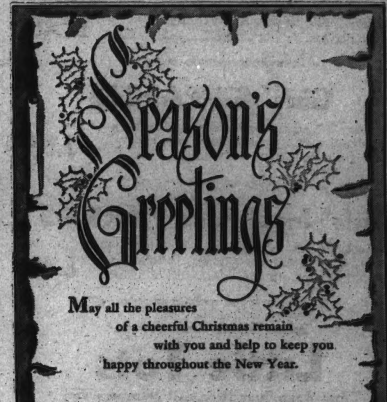
7. In case of fire in public places, keep calm and walk to the nearest exit.

Tuberculosis is an enemy that can't be appeased and that never surrenders. We have to stamp it out at the roots. Fight it with Christmas Seals.



With a genuine appreciation of our pleasant relations, we extend to our many friends the greetings of the season with joy for Christmas and good luck for the New Year

IRMA FOOD MARKET



May all the pleasures of a cheerful Christmas remain with you and help to keep you happy throughout the New Year.

A. C. CHARTER

Wars may come and wars may go, but there is one enemy that never tires. That enemy is T.B. This indefatigable fighter has been carrying on the battle for more than two thousand years. You have an opportunity to strike a blow against him if you buy Xmas Seals from your tuberculosis association. This money is spent to fight TB.

Are You familiar with City Traffic Laws?

A HELPFUL HINT ON CITY DRIVING

FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY



You must maintain sufficient distance between your vehicle and the car you are following so that you can stop in case of any emergency without colliding with the car in front of you.

* Allow one car length for each 10 M.P.H. speed

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Be Careful the life you save may be your own.

Notice Re Store Hours

Wednesday, December 24
Store Will Remain Open Until
6 p.m.



4 Shopping Days to Christmas

Just Before Christmas and on these Special Items a

Half Price Sales**Men's JACKETS**

Men's Bate's quality, extra fine wale Corduroy Jackets. Gold-brown. Full 2 year satin lining. Spun glass insulation. Dyed, clipped sheep collar, dark brown. Knit cuff and band. Sizes 40, 42, 44. Regular \$24.95. 'Til Christmas—**12.48**
 a rare Bargain. Be quick. ONLY

Girls' SWEATERS

Regular \$2.95 and \$4.95. We have an over stock in sizes 12 to 14 only. Monarch. Good all wool sweaters. Several shades. **HALF PRICE SALE 1.98**

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Sizes 14 and 14x only, plus one, only, size 20. Good, sturdy, practical, warm school and outdoor jackets. Reg. \$16.95. Full hood, fur trim. **HALF PRICE SALE 8.49**

Some Timely Items for the

Little Tots

They Make Such Nice Gift Numbers Too

Small Nylon DRESSES

Smart to no end, easy to wash, service galore. Lovely little dresses for the 6 to 12 months. **2.39 and 2.98**
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ROMPERS

For the little boy, sizes 1 and 2. Come in jersey, broadcloth or percale. All smartly made. White, maize or blue. Priced **1.29 to 2.00**

Corduroy OVERALLS

Smart little small wale corduroy for the wee boy or girl. Sizes 1, 2, 3, 3x, 4, 5. Sky blue, royal, scarlet. Priced at **2.95**

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Penman's little Sweaters. Pullover or Coat. Cotton or wool. Sizes 2'4, 6. Priced **1.19 to 3.95**

Baby BLANKETS

Pepperal and Edmond Baby Blankets. Smart, new novelty numbers and the staple ones as well. **1.39 to 4.98**
 Nicely boxed for giving. Priced from

Last Call for Gift Purchases

You may still satisfy your needs for family in good, practical, satisfying merchandise nicely put up for Christmas giving.

*Wishing One and All that old,
 old Wish—May You Have a
 Merry Christmas and a
 Happy and Profitable
 New Year*

J. C. McFarland Co.

Locals

Mrs. R. L. Simmermon and Do-reen were Edmonton visitors this week.

The Irma United Church Sunday School Concert will be held in the auditorium of the Irma school on Tuesday, December 23. There will be a collection taken up for Wood's Christian Home.

We have been told that the Xmas lights in the Village of Irma are the nicest of any between our town and the city of Edmonton. Certainly our street lights are gay this season and now the big outdoor Christmas trees are beginning to blossom forth, we do have a really festive looking town.

Picture show films will be shown at the following places: Alma Motor, December 26; Jarrow, December 29; Strawberry Plains, December 30.—B. Selsted, Sec.-Treas., Wainwright Area Film Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald White of Ribstone were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Gunn.

Mrs. C. V. Larson is planning to spend the holiday season with relatives at Belt, Montana. She expects to go from Edmonton by plane.

Mrs. M. Fahner and Denny are in Chauvin this week with Mrs. Fahner's mother who has been ill.

Mrs. R. B. Kirkman and family are planning to spend Christmas Day with relatives at Loughede.

Further donations to St. Mary's Memorial Fund in memory of Mrs. Comley Sr.: Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Owen; Mrs. A. Owen; Mr. and Mrs. H. Barker; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bovenkamp; Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Bovenkamp; Mr. and Mrs. H. Fuder. To Jarrow Church Memorial Fund in memory of Mrs. Comley: Jarrow W.A.; Mr. and Mrs. C. Sonett.

Congratulations to Walter Enger who has been promoted to accountant in the Imperial Bank, Edmonton branch.

Mrs. V. Sampson and Mrs. C. Anquist motored to Amisk on Thursday, December 11 to attend the funeral of the former's grandmother who had passed away at the age of 95.

The Christmas Vesper Service of the CGT held in the United church December 14 was well attended and much enjoyed.

We will be making out a new mailing list for the Irma Times over the holidays. Be sure your name is on it.

The first skating party of the season was held at Archibald's lake on December 4. About 65 young people found the ice in grand condition and had a jolly evening skating to Ed Haugen's music and partaking of the weiner roast and lunch around the bon fires.

The regular meeting of the Irma W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. Dick Larson on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 2:30 p.m. Roll Call, "Yearly Dues," Hostesses, Mrs. J. Rae and Mrs. F. T. Thurston.

Miss Shirley Holmes, D.H.E., was in Irma last week instructing a group of young women on how to make a Judy dress form.

Miss Susie McKay, B.A., of Toronto, will spend the Christmas holidays at Sault Ste. Marie as a guest of the Brien family. Mr. Jack McKay won a beautiful red cedar chest at a bingo carnival in Edmonton a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCauley and son of Fort Norman will be Christmas visitors with the former's sister, Mrs. J. C. McLean at Irma.

New officers for 1953 in the Senior W.A. are: President, Mrs. C. E. Fenton; 1st vice president, Mrs. Bert Long; 2nd vice pres., Mrs. W. N. Frickelton; Sec., Mrs. I. Bolger; Treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Black. The 1952 slate of officers for the Junior W.A. is as follows: President, Mrs. Allan Larson; Vice Pres., Mrs. Clarence Barber; Sec., Mrs. Neil McMillan; Treas., Mrs. A. C. Milne.

Mrs. W. N. Frickelton, Sec. Treas. for the British and Foreign Bible Society, reports sending in the fine sum of \$28.35. This money includes the canvas of the Village of Irma and also money collected by Mrs. R. Patterson north of town.

Mrs. S. Magrath is spending Christmas in Irma at the home of her daughter, Mrs. K. Coffin.

Kinsella News

Mr. and Mrs. Olsenberg and Mrs. J. Brown were visitors to the city during last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis and Murray Davis were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis of Edmonton.

Miss Olive Jack of Edmonton is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Simmons.

Mrs. W. Brown was a week-end visitor to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Simmons attended the funeral of Mrs. W. Jack of Edmonton which was held at Clyde on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Jack will be remembered by many friends here, where she often visited her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. F. Jack while they resided here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Penner of Camrose were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Olsenberg.

Mrs. and Mrs. A. F. Squair and family of Calgary were week-end visitors at the homes of Mrs. N. Stevens and the Squair brothers.



Warmer than ever
 And cheerier too,
 Are the Holiday wishes
 We're sending to you.

Irma Machine Works

Good Cheer To All

Just Before We Look Ahead to a New Year

With that ever optimistic view, We pause here to extend these hearty season greetings, Wishing each and everyone, The joys that will make this a Merry Christmas And to wish you a Happy 1953, Filled with friendship and good fortune.

— Heartiest Wishes from VIC and KEITH —

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Season's Greetings

To all our friends and patrons, we extend our warmest greetings for a joyous Holiday Season.



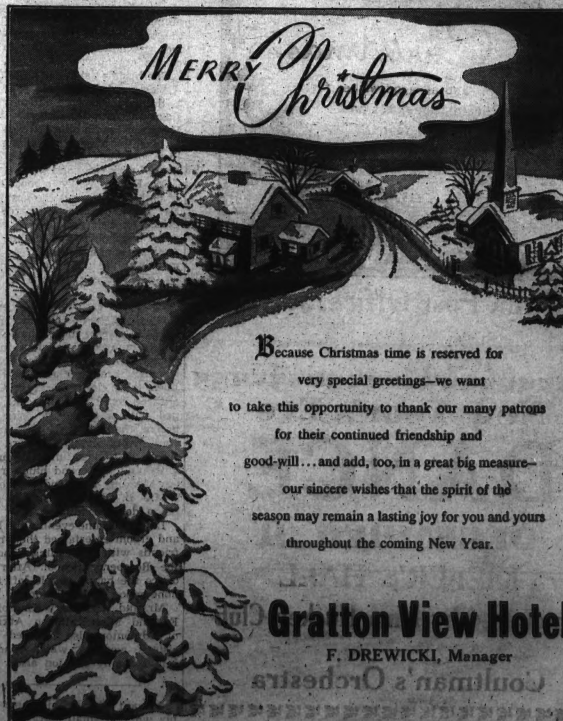
Central Garage



May your Yuletide happiness be as bright as the glittering decorations and ornaments on your Christmas Tree!

Club Cafe

● Special Holiday Ice Cream Bricks for Xmas and New Year's
 JAS. POND, Prop.



Because Christmas time is reserved for very special greetings—we want

to take this opportunity to thank our many patrons for their continued friendship and good-will... and add, too, in a great big measure—our sincere wishes that the spirit of the season may remain a lasting joy for you and yours throughout the coming New Year.

Gratton View Hotel

F. DREWICKI, Manager